

FIVE RIVERS NEWS

NEWS FOR THE CHILDREN BY THE CHILDREN

New School Office for Abbeyfield

In the last issue of Five Rivers News we told you all about the building work which was starting at Abbeyfield, to create a new entrance and reception area.



Well, the work is finished and our school now has a fresh, new office. The Principal has changed the building of the caretaker’s house to a new shape and size in order to build a new reception. We have now turned the old office into a brand new library. Our office is very comfortable and it has a few seats, as well as automatic doors. Mrs Begum, who works in the office, has a brand new desk and a wall that is painted dark red and says “Abbeyfield”.

The new office is now closer to the road which is really useful as visitors and parents don’t have to walk through the whole school to get to the reception. In addition, if you have a dentist appointment, you won’t be late! Parents can get their kids bang on time. Abbeyfield teachers like the new reception because it is bigger and much better.

Nusra & Zach – Y4 Emerald

Do you have a favourite book from the school library and want to recommend it to others in the school?

If so, write a book review with the book title, the author, and a little about the story, then hand it to your teacher for us to include in the next newsletter!

The tempting library

So what has happened to the old school office at Abbeyfield?

It’s Abbeyfield’s new library! Before the library was being built, it used to be the school office. Mrs Best and Mrs Abell still have their personal offices – but who knows if the library will expand to there as well!

These reporters have had an exclusive look before other students have seen it. The library has loads of book shelves and some comfortable seats (one of them looks like a cylinder dome). All the seating is soft and I have a personal favourite! There are lots of chairs and a nice welcoming entrance. The colour is the same as the new office. The books are located on shelves and there is a nice sitting area near the nursery books.

You can borrow a book, but a librarian (who will be chosen soon) will have to help you check it out. They will also be helpful to show you a book you might be interested in.

Faisal Yassin, who is in Year 6, said, “I hope the library opens soon so all the kids can relax and read.”



Mrs Sampson, a school staff member, said, “I am excited for the new library to open and for our Abbeyfield children to have the opportunity to enjoy such a huge range of books. We’ve got some stunning on non-fiction texts on offer – I can’t wait to hear the reviews from our students! When we ordered the fiction books, we wanted to make sure that there’s a text for everyone. You’ll find other books written by the authors of our Reciprocal Reading texts, as well as the actual books the Reading Skills extracts are taken from. Please come and find me to share your book recommendations. I can’t wait to borrow a few off the shelf myself!”

Hanfaa Khan – Y6 Jet

ARTS PROJECT

Arts at Abbeyfield: project, poems and podcasting!

BY ANAS AND RUMAYSA—Y6,
DIAMOND

This year, Abbeyfield is taking part in an exciting project, which involves different arts. This is a great opportunity for children to learn new skills outside of maths and writing. It is a chance to use our creativity and imagination!

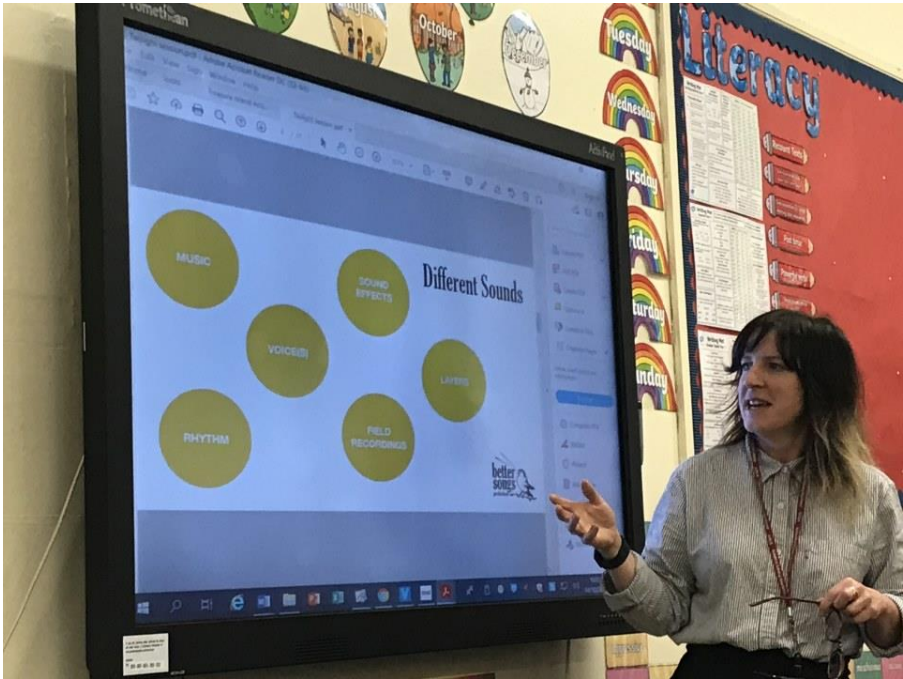
The launch assembly was particularly amusing. We met artists from across the globe – singers, actors, musicians, poets – and even a podcaster! We had a massive surprise from Mr. Nunnington, Mr Cooper and Mrs Abell when they played their instruments! Over this project, Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in podcasting.

We interviewed Ruqaya in Sapphire who said she liked adding in sound effects to her podcast. Eisa, who is also in Sapphire, said that he enjoyed making his own stories about birds such as the nightingale.

Many children in Y5 and Y6 loved this opportunity and hope that they have more experiences like this in the future.

What is podcasting?

Podcasting is a type of art activity where you tell stories about a certain subject. For example, birds, cats, dogs etc. In this case, Y5 and Y6 have been making podcasts about birds, such as the cuckoo bird and the willow warbler. Most podcasts have the use of transport to go abroad and find out more about a subject. Some podcasts are like dramas which could have heroes and villains – or maybe be a comedy! It really just depends on what you want to talk about!



An artist called Verity Watts talked to us about how to make a podcast

Sing! Sing! Sing! Young Voices 2022

BY ZAINAH & MUSTAFA – Y4, TOPAZ

2022 sees the comeback of Young Voices! Young Voices is the largest choir in the world where children can experience a once in a lifetime event. Young Voices has been running for 20 years and was founded in 1996 due to the decline in musical interest in UK schools. Each year, between 5000-8000 children perform to a sold out crowd of family and friends. Young Voices is performed at various locations around the UK including the Sheffield Arena.

David Lewis founded Young Voices in 1996 with 21 concerts being performed each year. David Lewis says “Our aim is to inspire a love of music and create memories for the children that will last a lifetime.”

12% of schools in the UK take part in Young Voices. Young Voices has raised over 1.3 million pounds for children’s cancer charities and donated tonnes of food for the less fortunate. They have won lots of accolades with numerous special guests such as Sir Cliff Richard, Joss Stone and Gary Barlow performing alongside the children just to name a few! Young Voices will be performed in the UK as well as Trinidad, Ireland, Balkans, Germany, New Jersey.

This upcoming event will be at the Sheffield Arena on January 6th 2022.



Pupils’ art work at Tinsley Meadows

This half term the children in Year 6 have been studying the artwork of Leonid Afremov, a modern impressionistic artist who worked mainly with a palette knife and oils. The children are working towards a final piece by practising a number of skills that includes using a palette knife with acrylic paints, painting a sky in the style of Leonid Afremov and constructing a silhouette city-scape landscape to go on top of the painted sky. Here are some examples of the work carried out in Serpentine and we are looking forward to them working on their final pieces next term.

- Mrs Ratcliffe

This is an example of Afremov’s work, and below you can see some of the art that Serpentine Class have come up with inspired by him.

Well done Serpentine class!



Tinsley Meadows poetry and descriptive writing

The Gruffalo

By Rahmah Qasem, Y1 Azurite class

The Gruffalo has orange eyes.
The Gruffalo has purple prickles.
The Gruffalo has terrible jaws.



The Magic Box

In the box I will put...
a strawberry ice-cream,
the twinkling stars,
a strawberry chocolate,
a fluffy cloud,
a warm jumper,
and green grass.

By Mohammed Shayaan Tahir, Y1

ICE SHIP

Descriptive writing inspired by Y6 work
on Ernest Shackleton, by Madeeha Hussain

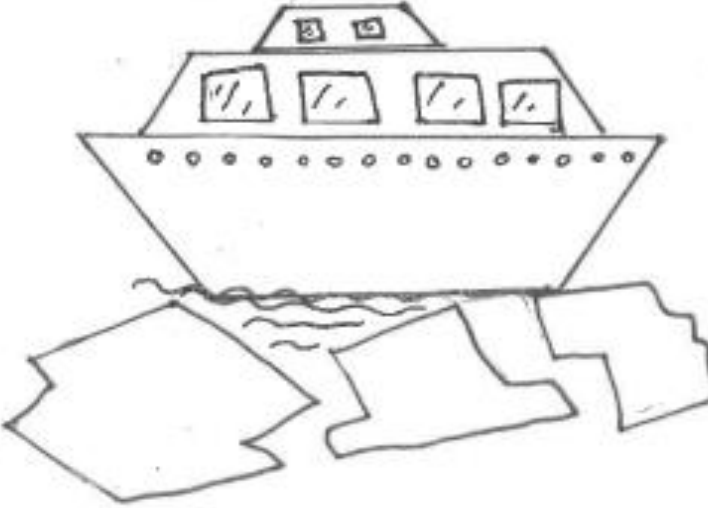
Ascend
As the luminous sun started to ascend upwards, it glistened on the hefty ice blocks, whilst the minature drops fell into the frosty sea.

Ship
The minuscule ship navigated through the peculiar broken bits of the harmful ice

Insignificant
The insignificant diminutive ship endeavoured to manoeuvre through the immense sea whilst the colossal puzzling ice blocks encircled it.

Sea
The wavy ice-cold sea splashed one direction to another into the minature ship.

Ice
The ingenious crew had fractured their harmed ship by smashing into a hazardous ice block.



Islamic Civilisation

The children in Sapphire class at Tinsley Meadows have made an excellent start to their new topic: The Islamic Civilisation. In our first lesson, they learnt about the different reasons why it is important for us to study the Islamic Civilisation. Hooria (Sapphire class pupil) stated "I really enjoyed the first lesson of the Islamic Golden Age because I didn't know that the Muslim people in Baghdad made the first hospitals and universities or how advanced they were! I also loved designing my poster as this made me realise just how much better our lives are thanks to the Muslim scholars of the past."

- Mrs Robinson

Here are some of the children proudly holding up their posters:



STAFF INTERVIEW

Becky Baynham, Abbeyfield

BY DEFARI STEADMAN AND MOMINA AZEEM –Y3, AMETHYST

What is your job?

I work as the Business Support Manager in the office. This means I work as part of the office team, making sure everything goes smoothly.



What is your favourite colour?

My favourite colour is green.

What is your favourite animal?

I really like frogs.



Do you have a favourite book? Do you have a favourite genre?

My favourite book would be ‘Some Dogs Do’ by Jez Alborough. I prefer to read science fiction or fantasy books.

What is your favourite cartoon?

Growing up, my favourite cartoon was Bagpuss. It was about a white and pink striped cat.

Do you have any pets?

I have a small, grey pet rabbit called Dr. Snuggles.

Do you have a favourite sport?

I really like dancing, including ballroom dance and Scottish country dancing.



Thank you for letting us interview you to get to know you better!

STAFF INTERVIEW

Kate Hope, the new caretaker at Abbeyfield

BY RAWAN MOHAMMED AND QASIM ALI –Y3, QUARTZ

When did you start your job?

I began working at Abbeyfield on the 15th November 2021.

Who do you work for and do you take care of the whole school?

I mostly do the jobs Mrs Best asks me to do. Yes, I look after the whole school – even the office!

What do you have to do in your job?

I have lots of things to manage- such as making sure the heaters are working; checking the playground is safe; and fixing anything that needs to be fixed. I also make sure each class has got blue roll and soap for handwashing, as well as lock up the school at night so it is safe.

What is your favourite food?

My favourite food would be curry.

Do you have any hobbies?

I like camping, dancing and cycling. I also love walking my dog.

Thank you very much for letting us get to know you a bit more!



DID YOU KNOW...?

By Mariam Ahmad, Y1Azurite class

Spiders...



Photo by erik karits on unsplash

What do they look like?

Spiders have 8 legs. Amazingly, spiders have hairy spikes.

Where do they live?

Did you know that spiders live all over the world and in our houses?

What do they eat?

Did you know spiders eat bugs and flies? Amazingly, spiders eat crickets and bugs.

WHERE WOULD A WOODLOUSE LIKE TO LIVE?

In Y1 garnet class at TM the children have been learning about animals and their habitats. The children thought about where a woodlouse might like to live and then built a woodlouse colony. They observed the woodlice and then wrote about their findings.

Prediction: I predict that the woodlice will like the soil because it is warm.



Results: I found out that the woodlice liked the leaves and sticks. I saw them sitting under the leaves. My prediction was incorrect.

By Subhaan, Y1 Garnet class

Flood!

Y6 AT TINSLEY MEADOWS HAVE BEEN DOING SOME WORK ABOUT RIVERS

This flooding flow chart was created by Shazaib Amin from Jet Class

